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SUBJECT: VISIT BY INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS

1. DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ELI WHITNEY DEBEVOISE, ESQ. CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, OF THE PLANNED ARRIVAL AT SANTIAGO APRIL 19 OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THAT COMMISSION, NIALL MACDERMOT, OBE, Q.C. MACDERMOT PLANS STAY THROUGH APRIL 27 AT HOTEL CRILLON TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS MATTERS RELATING TO RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. MACDERMOT EXPECTS BE JOINED BY TWO OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ICJ, PROF. COVEY T. OLIVER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA, AND PROF. KURT MADLENER OF MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE AT FREIBURG, GERMANY. BOTH ARE DISTINGUISHED AUTHORITIES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.

2. MACDERMOT BORN DUBLIN 1916, BRITISH BARRISTER, OXFORD, INNER TEMPLE; M.P. 57-59 AND 62-70; MINISTER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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STATE FOR PLANNING AND LAW 67-68; BENCHER, INNER TEMPLE

SINCE 1970; SECRETARY-GENERAL INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS SINCE DEC. 1970. OLIVER BORN 1913, JD TEXAS; LLM AND SJD COLUMBIA; TAUGHT COLUMBIA, TEXAS, PENNSYLVANIA; PRESENTLY HUBBELL PROFESSOR OF LAW PENNSYLVANIA; AMBASSADOR COLUMBIA 1964-66; ASSISTANT SECRETARY STATE INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS 1967-69 AND OTHER HIGH DISTINCTIONS.

3. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ) A LONG ESTABLISHED AND LEADING PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH WIDE PARTICIPATION NATIONAL SECTIONS THROUGHOUT WORLD. THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INCLUDES LEADING MEMBERS AMERICAN BAR AND AMONG DIRECTORS ARE A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND THREE PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE NYC BAR ASSOCIATION. ASSOCIATION HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE ABA. ICJ ITSELF IS NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, DEDICATED TO THE SUPPORT OF THE RULE OF LAW THROUGHOUT WORLD. COMMISSION COMPOSED OF 38 LEADING JURISTS FROM 35 COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S., ENJOYS CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH UN, UNESCO COUNSEL OF EUROPE. ICJ HAS FROM OUTSET STUDIED, OBSERVED, VISITED AND REPORTED WITH REGARD TO OBSERVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUPPORT FOR RULE OF LAW THROUGHOUT WORLD IN EVEN-HANDED AND OBJECTIVE FASHION. IT HAS EXAMINED PROBLEMS OF SOVIET UNION, EASTERN EUROPE, WESTERN EUROPE, ASIA, AMERICAN REPUBLICS, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST. IT HAS ENJOYED WITH RELATIVELY FEW EXCEPTIONS SUBSTANTIAL AND MEANINGFUL COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

4. EMB REQUESTED EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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